



March 26, 2012

United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 5  
Steve Renninger  
Emergency Response Section #1  
26 West Martin Luther King Drive  
Cincinnati, OH 45268

**RE: Vacant/Abandoned Harris-Thomas Drop Forge Company, 1400 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street,  
Dayton, Ohio 45403**

Dear Mr. Renninger:

On February 2, 2012, the Dayton Fire Department, in collaboration with the Ohio EPA, investigated an apparent oil leak onto a City of Dayton sidewalk right-of-way, which appeared to originate from a vacant property located at 1400 East 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Dayton, Ohio 45403 (previously known as the Harris-Thomas Drop Forge Company).

During the week of March 19, 2012, the Department of Water, Division of Environmental Management responded to another complaint regarding release of oil from this site. Based on the subsequent release from the site, Environmental Management requests assistance from the U.S. EPA to evaluate the former Harris-Thomas Industries site for a U.S. EPA-funded time-critical removal action. We request assistance with evaluation, characterization or assessment activities concerning this site to determine if the second transformer leak, abandoned chemical containers, oily and machine wastes, and potential underground storage tanks qualify for time-critical removal action.

The discharge of any material other than rainwater into the City of Dayton Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) is strictly prohibited by the City of Dayton Revised Code of General Ordinances (RCGO), Sec. 54.09 Prohibitions, and by the State of Ohio National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations. Release of materials from this site has the potential to enter the MS4 and drain to the Mad River at Outfall MRL-02. Eliminating this potential threat to the storm sewer and river are critical for the protection of Dayton waterways.

Please feel free to contact Felicia Graham or me at (937)333-3725 for any further details.

Respectfully,

Michele D. Simmons, Manager  
Division of Environmental Management

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